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Kishi Announces Opposition to Nuclear Bases

A new furor in Japan over nuclear weapons has forced Prime Minister Kishi to assert, under Socialist attack in the Diet, that he would reject all attempts to establish American nuclear bases in Japan. At the same time Kishi was noncommittal on whether he would honor Diet resolutions against nuclear armaments for Japan.

Kishi has been striving quietly to increase Japanese acceptance of modern defense concepts and armaments. His government has attempted to prepare the public for this with recent announcements that tests of guided missiles for Japanese forces would begin in 1959 and that Japan would retaliate against foreign attack on US bases in Japanese territory.

Moscow's announcement of suspension of nuclear tests and American plans for tests in the Pacific this spring have made Japanese public opinion extremely sensitive to nuclear issues at this time. During the past week, the Japanese Diet unanimously passed resolutions calling for the cessation of nuclear tests and opposing Japan's possession of nuclear weapons.

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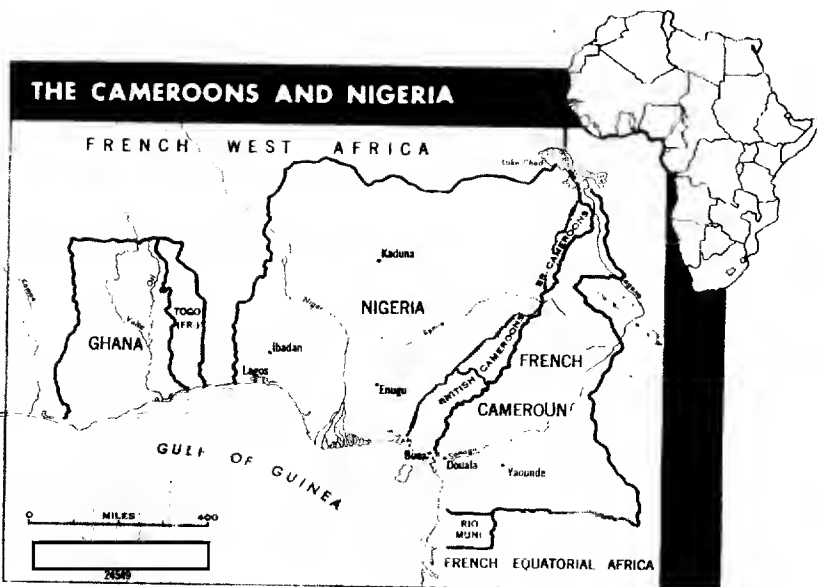
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Guerrilla Warfare Is a Growing Problem in Cameroun

Guerrilla warfare has been conducted for the past 16 months by the Communist-influenced nationalist Union of the Cameroun People (UPC), which hopes eventually to dominate an independent state made up of the British and French trust territories. This warfare is becoming a serious security and political problem in the rural areas of Sanaga Maritime Province in the southwestern jungle region of this French trust territory. The population is being alienated by the strong-arm tactics of the government's military force.

Leaders of the moderate African government of Cameroun, a coalition of parties representing several regions with conflicting interests and traditions, hope that a renewed offer of amnesty and an enlarged public welfare program will improve public opinion and prevent members of the government from carrying out their threatened resignations. Meanwhile, Cameroun officials are pressing France to help undercut the UPC's popular appeal by issuing the promised statement about early independence. Paris has previously indicated a willingness to grant the trust territory independence at some future date with continuing economic and military ties with France.

A representative of the UPC, who attended the Accra conference of independent African states as an observer, sought the material backing of the African nations, but the conference only passed a resolution condemning the use of military force against unarmed people in Cameroun as contrary to the spirit of the UN. He stated that Communist aid "would not be unwelcome," but at this time material backing from the Communist bloc is unlikely. [REDACTED]

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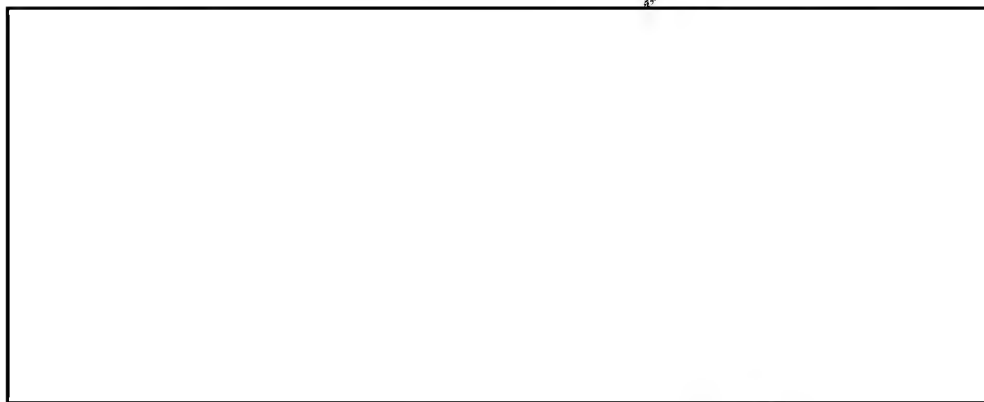
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